He prescribes the courses and directs the movements
of the earth and heavenly bodies, each sweeping through
such vast distances, yet secure from all clash or collision.
He is the light that shines through a myriad orbs across
illimitable space. His Hand ceaselessly operates in the
vegetable and the animal kingdom. He is the Vital Force
immanent in every part of our body, quickening and energis-
ing all the muscular and nervous forces operating in it.
He is the Supreme One passing human imagination,
glorious with a resplendence which the eye cannot stand,
loving with a sweetness which the heart cannot conceive,
holy with a righteousness before which, the yearning, as-
piring soul can but prostrate itself in silent awe and amaze-
ment. He is the starting point from which all demonstra-
tions proceed, the basic datum of all our conceptions. As
Bhakta Prahalada avows, He is the
marmam, the secret doctrine,
in all branches of learning.
In essence, He is the Supreme Consciousness which
forms the basis of our life ; which manifests itself as the
light and support of all that we know; which, taking the
form of an infinite variety of sensations and uniting them with

its synthetic power, manifests itself as this wonderful, variegated and diversified world of sensient and insensient objects ; which disappears in sleep and oblivion, irrespective of our individual volitions; which re-appearing in awakening and memory in. the same involuntary way, forms the web of "conscious life ; which we mistake for and take pride in as merely our individual consciousness, but which is entirely independent of our individual will but also the very root of our voluntary activity. We are struck with wonder and dumb-founded when we contemplate what a Great being each one of us is holding **in** his bosom, how He is ceaselessly manifesting Himself with every one of our sensations, thoughts, feelings and actions ! He, who is the support of the infinite variety